

## 1.0 Current JobKeeper



The current JobKeeper program will continue to 28 September 2020



### Employer eligibility: basic test

- 30% decline in projected GST turnover; or
- 50% decline for businesses with aggregated turnover of more than \$1 billion; or
- 15% decline if a registered charity.



### Worker Eligibility

From 3 August, the reference date for eligibility has been moved to 1 July 2020 to enable more employees to qualify.

Refer to previous Ashfords' article for other conditions: [JobKeeper Payment](#)



### Payment rate

\$1500 per fortnight for all eligible employees.



### You can still apply

JobKeeper remains open to new recipients provided they meet the existing eligibility requirements and the additional turnover tests during the extension period.

## 2.0 New JobKeeper



JobKeeper from 28 September 2020 to 28 March 2021.



### Employer eligibility: basic test

- No changes to decline percentages (30%, or 50% if turnover \$1 billion+, 15% if a registered charity).
- To be eligible from 28 Sept to 4 Jan 2021, businesses need to measure the decline in **actual** GST turnover for the Sept 2020 quarter against the Sept 2019 quarter.
- To be eligible from 4 Jan to 28 March 2021, businesses need to measure the decline in **actual** GST turnover for the Dec 2020 quarter against the Dec 2019 quarter.
- Alternate tests are available for businesses with extenuating circumstances.



### Worker Eligibility

In addition to existing eligibility rules, the reference date for assessing eligibility is now 1 July 2020. This is a change to the previous date of 1 March 2020, and has been made to ensure that those employees hired when conditions began to bounce back, will now be eligible for the payment from 3 August 2020.



### Payment rate

From 28 September the payment rate will be reduced in stages with two payment rates introduced.

To meet the 20+ work hours test and qualify for the higher payment rate, eligible employees need to have worked in the business or NFP for 20 hours per week on average in either February or June 2020 (the 4 weeks before 1 March/July 2020). The period with the higher number of hours is to be used for those eligible at 1 March.

For those eligible employees who worked less than 20 hours per week on average during that period, the lower rate will apply.

	20+ Work Hours	Work hours < 20
28 Sept 2020 – 3 Jan 2021	\$1200	\$750
4 Jan – 28 March 2021	\$1000	\$650



[Click](#) to view the announcement made by the treasury and see the extension fact sheet.

**For further information or to see if you qualify for JobKeeper, please contact your trusted Ashfords Advisor on 03 9551 2822.**